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SUPERVISOR GONZALES HONORS THREE “REMARKABLE WOMEN”

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales has chosen three remarkable women to be honored tomorrow during the annual “Herstory Luncheon,” sponsored by the county’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Clara Franklin, Esther Jimenez, and Dr. Nena Torrez will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to communities within the 5th District. All three women live in and serve the residents within and around the City of San Bernardino.

“Everyday I come in contact with many great women who are giving of their time and talents to help provide greater opportunities for others,” said Supervisor Gonzales.

“While it was difficult to narrow my selection to three individuals, I am proud to recognize these women and their contributions respective to the areas of community, health and education. They deserved to be acknowledged,” said Gonzales.

A total of 15 women, three from each county supervisor’s district, will be honored during the Herstory Luncheon on Wednesday, May 9th at the San Bernardino Hilton. The sold out event begins at 11:30 a.m.

About the 5th District Honorees

As a resident of Arrowhead Suburban Farms, **Clara Franklin** is dedicated to improving the unincorporated area. She is president of the Arrowhead Farms Neighborhood Association and a member of the Community Redevelopment Alliance. Ms. Franklin currently is working on projects to enhance walking trails along a railway easement and to provide Safe Routes to Schools for Hillside and Arrowhead elementary schools and Golden Valley middle school. These efforts will help create a safe, walkable community for residents to enjoy.

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Esther Jimenez, from San Bernardino's Westside, has been actively involved in the community since her college days. While serving as the former president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, she promoted many events and programs, including their annual health fair and Future Leaders Program at California State University, San Bernardino. She also is a co-founder of the Latino Health Collaborative, a non-profit organization created to improve the health status of Hispanics. Ms. Jimenez, who is a member of the county's Department of Public Health staff, was recently appointed to the City of San Bernardino Civil Service Board.

Dr. Nena Torrez of San Bernardino believes in the transformation power of education. She is a published author, an educator, an internationally known presenter, and currently a professor in the College of Education at California State University, San Bernardino. The University has recognized Dr. Torrez numerous times for her tireless dedication to its students, faculty and staff. As a former president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Dr. Torrez was instrumental in raising funds for their college scholarship program. She also has been recognized for her work with Project Upbeat, a college orientation program for middle school students.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy and Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a segment of the city of Fontana.

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